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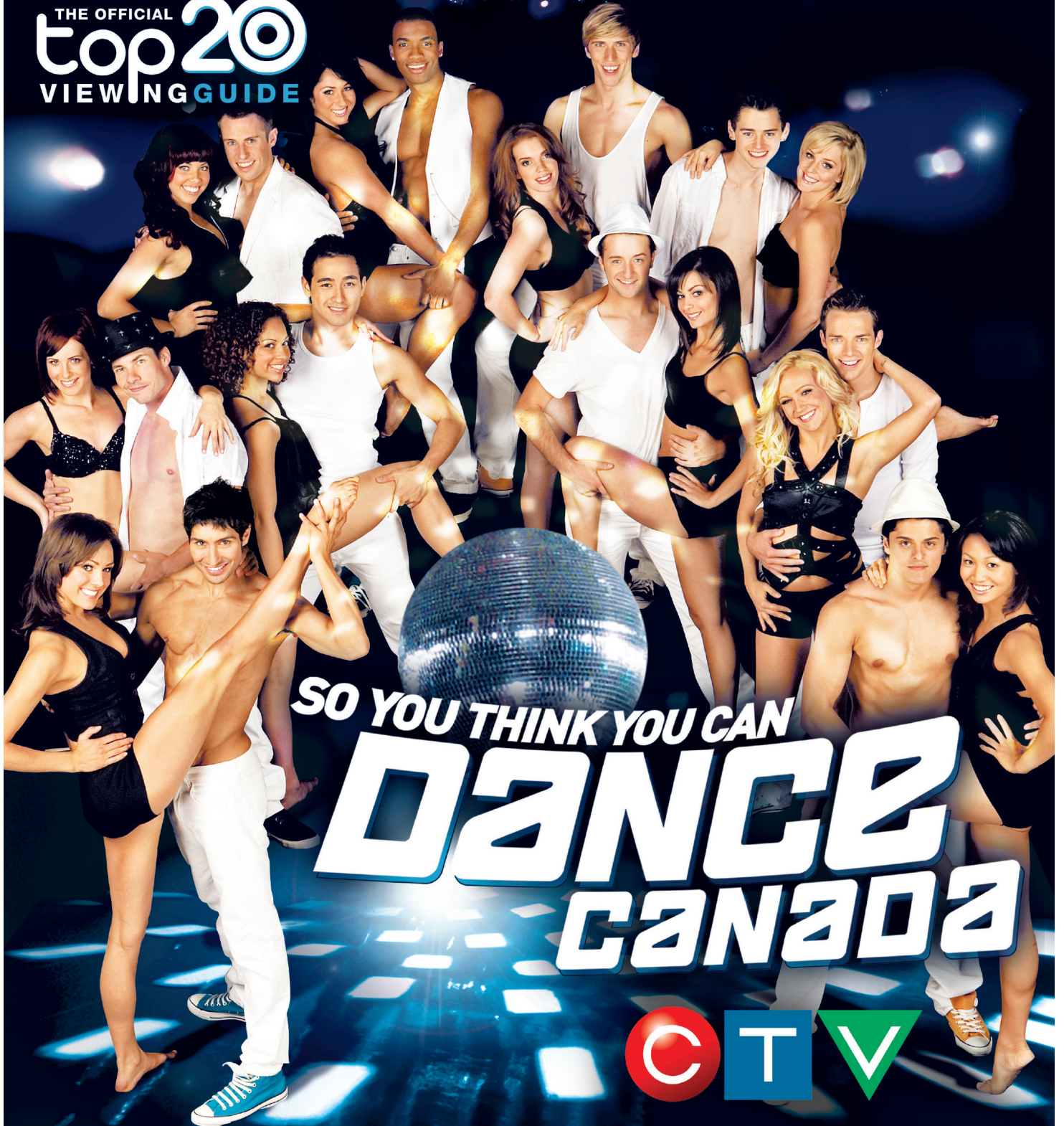
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Fender bender turns to fisticuffs, police report says

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ACCIDENT A 51-year-old woman ended up in handcuffs late yesterday afternoon after a fight broke out, apparently over a fender bender, in a central Halifax parking lot.

"I think there was some contact between the vehicles," Sgt. Mark Hobeck, watch commander for Halifax Regional Police, told Metro of the confrontation, which quickly escalated into an assault, outside of the Quinpool Centre just before 3 p.m.

"The female may have bumped the other vehicle with her door, or something like that, which initiated the verbal part of it," Hobeck said. "And then she just started hitting him."

A police report says she "punched and kicked" him, then tried backing over him with her Honda.

It doesn't appear as though the man fought back, Hobeck added.

The woman hadn't been formally charged as of yesterday evening, but the report said she should face charges of assault and assault with a weapon.

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MJ autopsy results arrive

Win Senior Baseball Championship



Fort Saskatchewan Athletics players celebrate their victory over Team Quebec in the 2009 Canadian Senior Baseball Championship final at Beazley Field last night. Fort Saskatchewan beat Team Quebec 8-4. More coverage, page 13.

Clean Bill of health

Storm response smooth sailing: Emergency Management Office

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Hurricane Bill didn't put up much of a fight but emergency management officials yesterday were celebrating a smooth response to the storm.

"The system reacted really well to the hurricane. Everything was in place," Emergency Management Minister Ramona Jennex said during a post-Bill press conference in Dartmouth.

"We're ready for another one if it happens."

There were no reports of anyone seriously injured

by the storm. The dollar value of the damage won't be fully known for a couple of weeks but despite some flooding, downed trees and power outages, officials say the total damage was not severe.

They also say the event was a success of co-ordination between the Emergency Management Office (EMO), police, RCMP and other groups. EMO chief executive officer Craig MacLaughlan said it will be reviewing how the storm was handled but so far no glaring errors were spotted.

"I think we learn from every event. We'll have a

debriefing here in the next couple of days and we'll look at all the actions that we took and if there (are) things that need to be improved upon we'll do that, but nothing jumped out at us," MacLaughlan told reporters yesterday.

The EMO team has started scouring the province to inventory the damage caused by Bill. A full report is planned for within the next few weeks.

But as Bill joins the list of post-junior storms that don't live up to initial fears, Jennex urged the public not to let their guard down.

"We don't want to be-

come complacent in Nova Scotia. We have a history of storms happening so we have to be on guard all the time," she said.

Hurricane Juan took many people in the province by surprise in late September 2003, hitting Halifax Regional Municipality head on as a Category 2 storm and causing extensive and expensive damage. Hurricane Noel was downgraded to a post-tropical storm system when it reached Nova Scotia in early November 2007, but Environment Canada says it was up to three times the size of this year's hurricane Bill.

Soldiers to be recalled to guard Olympics?

TROOPS Canada is considering outsourcing military work in Afghanistan and pulling soldiers from low-profile foreign missions to relieve the pressure of fighting in Kandahar, guarding the 2010 Olympics and protecting world leaders in Muskoka.

According to documents obtained by the Toronto Star, more than 32,000 military personnel — about half the entire Canadian Forces — will be in training or set to deploy on missions to Kandahar, the Vancouver Olympics and next summer's G8 meeting in Huntsville between this summer and July 2010. That staffing burden makes it impossible to carry on current operations and still respond to the weekly requests for Canadian soldiers from the Americans, NATO and the United Nations, the military says.

The defence department has labelled the problem, "Personnel Crunch 2010." "We ... are now at the point where some requests that would seem to be minor (e.g., for only a few personnel) are, in reality, difficult to source initially and impossible to sustain over the 2010 timeframe," says a March 17 memorandum to chief of defence staff Gen. Walter Natynczyk.

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Halifax Regional Fire and Emergency Service announced yesterday that the burning ban on open fires has been lifted across the municipality. Residents are still advised in a news release to "use caution" with fires near woodlands, which includes having a way to control and extinguish flames. **METRO HALIFAX**

Burning ban lifted

Local



Yoga studio helps stretch your dollar

Moksha Yoga studios across Canada, including the one at 1512 Dresden Row in Halifax, are offering free classes this weekend. The company announced yesterday it's offering no-fee classes to make yoga more accessible, especially during tough economic times. This Saturday and Sunday all classes in the local studio's heated room will be free although small donations will be accepted for the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health. Go to mokshayogahalifax.com for more details. **METRO HALIFAX**



News in brief

COLLISION A 58-year-old Pugwash woman is dead following a single-vehicle collision on Highway 6 in Truemanville yesterday. Eileen Kelly was pronounced dead at the scene after the vehicle she was driving left the west bound lane and collided with a utility pole. She was the single occupant of the vehicle.

AMHERST DAILY NEWS

ARREST Halifax Regional Police say officers arrested a 17-year-old boy Sunday night for allegedly breaking into a seniors centre under construction on Bluewater Road. A security guard spotted a man inside and called police at 10:45 p.m. When police arrived, they used a trained dog to successfully sniff out the young suspect. He was scheduled to appear in Halifax youth court today to face numerous charges.

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HEAD-ON CRASH All five people involved in a head-on collision Sunday are safe. Halifax Regional Police say the driver of a medium sized car crossed the centre line of the Bedford Highway at about 6:30 p.m. crashing into a minivan carrying one driver and three passengers. The five people ended up at the Queen Elizabeth II Health Sciences Centre in Halifax with non-life-threatening injuries, such as broken bones and cuts. Police say they don't believe drugs or alcohol played a role.

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Shoring up storm safety

Officials look for ways to keep public away from waves

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Officials will be looking into how to keep people away from the shore during future hurricanes.

On Sunday police had to shut down several areas because of the high volume of people seeking to watch the waves made by hurricane Bill.

Yesterday morning, Minister of Emergency Management Ramona Jennex said she was concerned someone would be hurt by the crashing surf. Jennex told reporters officials will be looking at how to keep people away next time.

"Storms are beautiful and the waves are beautiful and of course in our sea around Nova Scotia we want to see it," she said. "But I was worried all day yesterday with the waves and people out on the shoreline."

In fact, three young men wandered too close to the crashing waves along Peggy's Cove shortly after hurricane Bill blasted Nova Scotia on Sunday, falling into the cold waters. Two of the teens had to pull their friend, who ended up completely submerged, out of the Atlantic Ocean.

Halifax RCMP called the trio "very lucky" and police



A surfer rides a wave at Silver Sands Beach in Cow Bay yesterday. Dozens of surfers hit the water to catch some fairly large waves in the wake of hurricane Bill.

ended up keeping the road to Peggy's Cove closed overnight Sunday as a result.

The Mounties said they also had to force several swimmers and a few

surfers out of the province's various beaches Sunday.

"So that is a concern and we will be discussing what we can do in the future to try to not have people

drawn so closely to a shoreline in a storm, Jennex said.

She said the government has not looked into levelling fines as a way to keep people from the water.

Damage keeps 3 beaches closed

HURRICANE Although most provincial beaches and parks reopened to the public yesterday, just one day after hurricane Bill brought heavy rain and strong winds to Nova Scotia, three beaches remained closed due to damage to boardwalks and stairs.

The Department of Natural Resources said in a news release that Martinique, Lawrencetown and Conrad's beaches, all in Halifax Regional Municipality, could open again as early as today.

The province's beaches, day-use parks and camping parks were all shut down during the weekend as a precaution in preparation for hurricane Bill.

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Local food fight on for East Coast

CONTEST Now this is some healthy competition.

Nova Scotia is set to take on the three other East Coast provinces in the second annual Eat Atlantic Challenge.

Agriculture Minister John MacDonald declared in a news release yesterday he'll only eat food that's produced in Atlantic Canada this Sept. 4 and is inviting fellow Nova Scotians to do the same.

"Local food is good for our health, communities and the environment, and supports our economy," MacDonald said.

The province with the most people who go to eatatlantic.ca and pledge to chow down on local foods Sept. 4 gets "bragging rights," the release said, adding participants will qualify to win prizes donated by the region's co-op food stores.

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Australian judge paints grim picture of child trafficking

HILARY BEAUMONT
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As Justice John Pascoe spoke yesterday afternoon, he held up an ordinary cardboard box an office worker might store files in.

"Boxes of similar sizes to this, made of polystyrene with a few holes punched through, were the boxes used to transport newly born babies between Asia and Singapore and Malaysia," Pascoe said.

Several audience members gasped.

The chief federal magistrate of Australia presented his paper *How Trafficking in Expectant Women Affects the Rights of the Child* at the World Trade and

Convention Centre in Halifax. This shocking introduction to his paper was a mere teaser compared to anecdotal and statistical evidence, Pascoe said at the fifth World Congress on Family Law and Children's Rights.

In a steady voice, Pascoe told the true story of a young Bulgarian woman tempted by a stranger to sell her unborn baby. Like many mothers in similar situations worldwide, she agreed.

"Discrimination against women, and poverty, are two of the major reasons why some women see no option other than to abandon or sell their babies," Pascoe said.

He hoped the conference



Justice John Pascoe holds a cardboard box to demonstrate how babies are trafficked throughout Asia.

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Justice John Pascoe

change.

"A child should have the right to know and be cared for by his or her parents," he said. "If this cannot be so, then the child must be protected."

The world congress wraps up tomorrow.

News in brief

ROBBERY A group of armed men forced their way into a Dartmouth apartment yesterday, snatching some jewelry before taking off, police say.

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If you live near 12 Wing Shearwater, you're not hearing things

Joint Task Force Atlantic announced yesterday technicians are testing an acoustic device system on the 12 Wing Shearwater base today and tomorrow between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. A news release says the "high-capacity, directional loudspeaker" is used to project warnings over long distances in marine environments. **METRO HALIFAX**

News in brief

BLAZE A fatal house fire in the Hardwood Hill area of Sydney has been deemed accidental by the provincial fire marshal's office. Catherine MacKenzie, 81, and her daughter, Frances MacKenzie, 53, both died inside the home at 95 Edgewood Dr. when a fire broke out at about 3 a.m. Sunday. Two girls, ages six and 10, were pulled from the burning building by Cape Breton Regional Police officers. They were airlifted to the IWK Health Centre in Halifax in critical condition. Their vital signs have since improved and they're now listed in fair condition. Firefighters from Sydney and Mira Road fire departments found the two deceased women in the house.

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Is sewage stench a nuisance?

Council to decide if appeal needed in treatment plant ruling

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Legal fears could sway councillors into an appeal of an elderly North Preston man getting \$80,000 for living next to a sewage treatment plant for 20 years.

The Nova Scotia Supreme Court recently ruled Allison Willis, 70, could not enjoy his farm and home because of the stench from a nearby sewage plant.

Area councillor and deputy mayor David Hendsbee said yesterday he has many questions about the ruling, such as whether other neighbours can file

"If it's a nuisance for one it could be a nuisance for other facilities ... My biggest concern is a multitude (of claims)."

Coun. David Hendsbee

similar suits.

But more daunting is whether the ruling opens the floodgates to lawsuits over the stench from the broken downtown Halifax sewage treatment plant.

"If you extrapolate it further, if it's a nuisance for one it could be a nuisance for other facilities. And that brings in the issue of the downtown," Hendsbee said. "My biggest concern is multitude (of claims)."

In recent weeks water-

front businesses have become more vocal in claiming the smell from the harbour is hurting their bottom lines.

The decision to appeal the ruling will ultimately be made by council at an in-camera session after hearing legal advice from staff.

The case could also be impacted by a recent ruling from the other end of the country. In May, a British Columbia court ruled the transit authority and com-

panies involved in a new rail line must give a local businesswoman \$600,000.

Susan Heyes, who runs a maternity-wear shop, was awarded the money after claiming construction on the Canada Line kept customers from entering her store. The nuisance violation cited is similar to the Nova Scotia case. The B.C. ruling has been appealed.

Halifax Regional Council's decision to appeal could be made as early as its next meeting on Sept. 8. Head of HRM legal services

Mary-Ellen Donovan said yesterday she could not comment on the implications of the court ruling.

Search for missing man continues

DISAPPEARANCE The Mounties say they're still trying to track down a 48-year-old Lower Sackville man who went missing earlier this month.

The RCMP started asking for the public's help late last week. Bruce Weir has been missing since Aug.

16, when he was last seen leaving home at about 8 a.m.

Police say he could be driving a black 2002 GMC Envoy, with Nova Scotia licence plate DTM 853. Weir is described as a white man, five-foot-nine, between 180 and 190 pounds, with brown hair. **METRO HALIFAX**



Bruce Weir

Summer season tent reading for kids improves skills

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In the noisy George Dixon Centre gymnasium filled with bouncing basketballs, a small group of children aged five to seven yesterday gathered under a tent to read with peers, mentors and the mayor.

As he read a brightly coloured page showing a cake, Mayor Peter Kelly looked up and asked the kids, "What kind of cake do you like?"

"Chocolate," one girl said.

"Chocolate," another girl agreed.

"Every kind of cake!" exclaimed a small boy in a blue hat, shooting his arm into the air as he spoke.

The Frontier College Summer Reading Tent program, which gathers children aged five to 12 under the tent every week to read, aims to stimulate their minds during summer months spent out of school.

"It's usually outside where reading is more



Lark Jones, a co-ordinator at the George Dixon Centre in the city's north end, watches yesterday as three girls from his neighbourhood construct a poem about Dartmouth and Halifax from magnetic words as part of the Summer Reading Tent program.

fun," Ramona Clarke, community co-ordinator for Frontier College, said yesterday. "We do it because over the summer children go through what's called a learning loss. And we try to improve their literacy

skills (and) sharpen their literacy skills over the summer by exposing them to the reading tent program."

But Clarke said it's not just about the books.

"It's about literacy activities that are fun, it's about

being outside, it's about having your peers, students and volunteers to sit and read with you," she said.

Lark Jones, who is from the north-end Halifax neighbourhood the George Dixon Centre caters to, said

"We do it because over the summer children go through what's called a learning loss. And we try to ... sharpen their literacy skills over the summer by exposing them to the reading tent program."

Ramona Clarke,
co-ordinator

the reading program has changed the way kids in the area approach to reading. Now the children take the books home to read in their spare time.

"Back in the day we never had any reading tents," the co-ordinator for the community centre said. "Reading really is fundamental because if you can't read, you can't achieve."

He said he hopes the kids gain "some really good tools they can use for the rest of their lives."

Residents warned of door-to-door money scam

FRAUD It's challenging for small non-profits to collect donations without scammers knocking on doors pretending to represent them, the executive director of the Boys and Girls Club of Spryfield said yesterday.

"When somebody goes around and is falsifying like that, it makes it harder when we do fundraising," Darlene MacLean told Metro Halifax. She said the club received two phone calls recently from two residents approached by two young canvassers claiming to be members of the Boys and Girls Club of Halifax, which doesn't exist. "Normally, we won't go door-to-door," MacLean said.

Halifax Regional Police spokeswoman Theresa Rath confirmed yesterday investigators are looking into "possible fraud" after receiving a call from the Boys and Girls Club last week. "We remind people to be vigilant about asking people for identification," she said. **METRO HALIFAX**

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Identity under wraps

Woman in Jenkins case not a threat, police say

The woman believed to have helped reality TV contestant Ryan Jenkins get a motel room where the accused murderer killed himself is not considered a threat to public, police said yesterday.

Police know who the woman is and can contact her if needed, but said it was too early to say yet if she would be face any charges for helping Jenkins hide in Canada after he fled the U.S. with police in pursuit.

"This is not someone that we feel is a risk to the public," Sgt. Duncan Pound, a spokesman for the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, told reporters in Hope, B.C., where Jenkins' body was discovered Sunday.

Jenkins was accused by U.S. authorities with killing his former wife, Jasmine Fiore, a bikini model

Jenkins

- Jenkins appeared in the television show *Megan Wants A Millionaire* on VH1, which premiered after completing production in March. Airing of the program has been cancelled because of Fiore's death.

- Jenkins, who is from Calgary, was among 17 men described as millionaires who competed for the affections of former Playboy model Megan Hauserman. When introduced on the show, he was said to have a net worth of \$2.5 million.

whose mutilated body was found just over a week ago in a suitcase, stuffed into a trash bin in the town of Buena Park outside Los Angeles.

Jenkins apparently hanged himself in his mo-

tel room in the town of Hope, in southern British Columbia. His body was discovered on Sunday by the motel manager.

Staff and guests at the Thunderbird motel said a woman, described as a young blond, drove Jenkins to the motel on Thursday and paid for the room. She left shortly after the two checked in and was not seen again.

"The specifics regarding her movement, the way in which they ended up at the motel together, we're not going to discuss at this time," Pound said.

Jenkins father told the Calgary Sun newspaper that his son died frightened and alone, unable to contact his family because the phones lines were tapped.

"He didn't get to talk to anybody," Dan Jenkins said in a story.

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'Lethal levels' of propofol killed Jackson: Autopsy

INVESTIGATION Michael Jackson died from a lethal dose of the powerful anesthetic propofol, according to findings by the Los Angeles chief medical examiner unsealed in court documents in Houston yesterday.

Jackson suffered cardiac arrest and died on June 25 at age 50. Since then, an investigation by state and federal agencies have focused on Conrad Murray, Jackson's personal doctor who was at his side the day he died.

"The Los Angeles Chief Medical Examiner-Coroner, Dr. Sathyavagiswaran, indicated that he had reviewed the preliminary toxicology results and his preliminary assessment of Jackson's cause of death was due to lethal levels of propofol (diprivan)," according to a warrant to search Murray's offices.

Pop star's last moments?

- According to the document released by a Houston court, in the early hours of June 25, Dr. Conrad Murray also gave Michael Jackson doses of Valium, ativan, and versed, the filing said. Jackson went to sleep after Murray administered the propofol, and Murray stayed

by his side for about 10 minutes and then left "to go to the restroom and relieve himself," the search warrant said. Murray was out of Jackson's room for about two minutes and when he returned, Jackson was no longer breathing, the warrant said.

The document was released by the Harris County District Clerk in Houston, where Murray has an office.

In an affidavit seeking the warrant, Houston police officer E.G. Chance said U.S. agents had gathered "items constituting evidence of the offence of manslaughter that tend to show that Dr. Conrad Murray committed the said criminal offence."

Murray, who was in Jack-

son's bedroom on June 25 administering drugs to ease the pop star to sleep, administered a wide range of drugs to Jackson before he died, including a 25-milligram dose of propofol via an intravenous drip at 10:40 a.m. PDT, the state search warrant said.

Jackson was "very familiar" with propofol and referred to it as his "milk" because of its milky appearance, the warrant said.

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Nunavut Remote reservists



Members of the Canadian Rangers pose in front of their tent in Iqaluit, Nunavut in the Arctic. The Canadian Rangers are part-time reservists who provide a military presence in Canada's remote communities. They are responsible for surveillance and reporting unusual sightings.

News in brief

VANCOUVER 2010 The International Olympic Committee overseeing the lead-up to the 2010 Games in Vancouver will meet there this week for the last time before the Games begin. The IOC will meet with Games staff to approve last-minute changes. METRO CANADA

POLITICS The Conservatives have leaped to a strong lead, a poll released on Monday showed, while a second survey showed the party remaining in a deadlock with the opposition Liberals. Results from Ipsos Reid put the Conservatives at 39 per cent among likely vot-

ers, a level that would be close to delivering a majority government, with the Liberals down to 28 per cent. Two months ago, the poll had the Liberals ahead 35 to 34 per cent. A Harris-Decima poll put the Liberals ahead 32 per cent to 31 per cent.

REUTERS

Prosecutor named to CIA probe

TORTURE U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder yesterday named a special prosecutor to probe CIA prisoner abuse cases, a move that could distract President Barack Obama from his drive to reform health care. Holder's decision came after the Justice Department's ethics watchdog recommended considering prosecution of Central Intelligence Agency employees or contractors for harsh interrogations in Iraq and Afghanistan that went beyond approved limits. He chose career federal prosecutor John Durham to handle the investigation, adding to his probe of the CIA's destruction of videotapes showing harsh interrogations of terrorism suspects.

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Greek wildfires start to recede

GREECE Dying winds yesterday helped firefighters beat back wildfires that swept through suburbs of Athens, forcing thousands to flee. "The fires are developing less intensely than in previous days," said government spokesman Evangelos Antonaros.

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China Lead scare



A nine-month-old child who was diagnosed with excessive lead in his blood is seen in China yesterday. Henan province, the top lead producer in the country, has shut down up to 240,000 tonnes of smelting capacity in recent days after lead poisoning was reported to have affected hundreds of children.

Minister claims Karzai victory

ELECTION Afghanistan's finance minister claimed victory yesterday for President Hamid Karzai in last week's presidential election but, with no official figures released, the claim was rejected by his main rival's camp.

The United Nations called on all candidates and voters to be patient while authorities investigate allegations of fraud in the poll.

The first, partial figures are due to be released today, five days after the elec-

tion. Taliban attacks failed to stop the election, although violence did suppress turnout, especially in the south.

Speaking to reporters, Finance Minister Hazrat Omar Zakhilwal said figures supplied to him as a member of the cabinet showed the president has secured support across the country, including in the north.

Zakhilwal said this would make the result impervious to a challenge of fraud.

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Iggy in need of a quick makeover

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Lawrence Martin

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t's official. The Liberal party strategy is a dud. A new Ipsos Reid poll — Conservatives 39, Liberals 28 — is the latest signal. While no one should read too much into one opinion sampling, the downward trend has been apparent for months.

Michael Ignatieff's Liberals are backpedalling under the lows of Stéphane Dion — and they shouldn't be surprised.

What else can be expected when you put out no new policies, no new vision, a leader who appears indecisive, and no sustained attack strategy on Stephen Harper?

The operation needs an overhaul and it needs it now. Iggy has been too beholden to a handful of advisers who brought him into politics. That's what happened to Paul Martin. The former prime minister

placed too much power in the hands of a few close political friends.

The plan after Ignatieff took over the leadership last December was to play it safe. Canadians would be happy to see Dion gone. They would be excited by Iggy's fresh intellect. The Conservatives were coming off an embarrassing few months. The deep recession would carry Harper to his grave.

But the recession was short-lived and Iggy showed up with an empty bucket. His advisers kept him in low gear. Opposi-

tion leaders should only oppose, they told him. That might work for some, but not in Ignatieff's case. He was a world-renowned intellectual. He was expected to have new and captivating ideas for a public that was fed up with old-style politics.

As for opposing, the Liberals haven't done a good job of that either. They don't know how to keep the government on the defensive. The leader is a talented writer but there's been no show of rapier wit or memorable phrases cutting the prime minister to

the quick. There's been little to separate him in the public mind from what Harper stands for. The notion that the Liberals could somehow capture the public imagination with an issue like employment insurance reform was cockeyed.

Iggy's office, which has done a good job on party financing and organization, says the national media hasn't been covering him this summer. The reason he hasn't been covered is he has had nothing really striking to say. Had he gone to Washington to see

his Liberal soulmate, Barack Obama, that would have made for big headlines. He hasn't done it.

The latest brutal poll might actually do the Liberals some good. It might be the one that convinces them to change course. Dissenters close to the leader's shop will now have the ammunition to demand a change of strategy. They must do so. Otherwise Iggy risks becoming Icarus.

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Views

Time to find homes for Canada's waiting kids



Laura Eggertson

At 17-and-a-half, "Adam" was about to age out of the foster-care system in Ohio, with nowhere to go when he turned 18. That's when a dedicated group of social workers at Northeast Ohio Adoption Services decided it was time the teenager found a permanent home.

Adam — a "quirky" kid — had never quite fit into any of his foster homes. Like many of the 500,000 kids in the U.S. child-welfare system, and the 100,000 or so children in care of our provinces, he faced a life without family or financial supports once the system

deemed him an adult.

Unless someone stepped up to adopt Adam or become his legal guardian, he would be on his own on his 18th birthday.

"They were really truly going to have to drive him to the homeless shelter," says Cheryl Tarantino, a worker at the Ohio agency.

Fortunately for Adam, Ohio, like a growing number of U.S. states, is taking an aggressive approach to finding permanent homes for older children and teens in its care. Labelled "extreme recruitment," these innovative approaches pay off. They are finding homes for the children and young people many states, provinces, and child-welfare workers previously considered "unadoptable."

In Adam's case, the Ohio county caring for him entered into a public/private partnership with the organization where Tarantino works to do what it couldn't: Find Adam a family.

Using Facebook and a model called "family finding," pioneered by youth permanency expert Kevin Campbell, the Northeast Ohio Adoption Services agency tracked down Adam's birth mother. Then they convened 44 biological family members.

On his 18th birthday, instead of a homeless shelter, Adam moved in with an aunt who became his legal guardian.

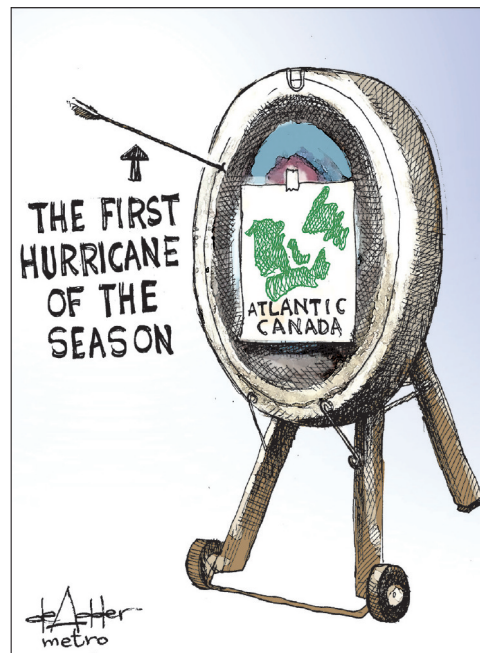
It's a process more Canadian provinces and children's aid societies need to explore. We need adoptive

and other permanent homes for all of our kids in care — and we need to do whatever it takes to find those homes.

New Brunswick, Alberta and British Columbia are getting serious about finding homes for the older children and teenagers in their care. It's time the rest of the provinces and territories make this a priority, too, and learn from our neighbours to the south.

The teenagers in our child-welfare system shouldn't have to leave it without a home to visit on the holidays, and the love, support and helping hands of a family of their own.

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Business in brief

AUTO The long-running drama involving the sale of General Motors' subsidiary in Europe has taken another turn with talk that the struggling auto giant may keep it. GM's

advisors have suggested the board consider seeking aid from other European governments beyond Germany so it doesn't have to sell control of Adam Opel GmbH, according

to various news reports.

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COMPUTERS The world's top cellphone maker Nokia said yesterday it would start to make laptops, entering the

market with a netbook running Microsoft's Windows operating system. Nokia had earlier this year said it was considering entering the laptop industry. **REUTERS**

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Weather may cool fall sales

The recession may be over, but the weather remains unpredictable.

For some Canadian retailers, that's wreaking havoc with back to school sales. Despite stronger than expected retail sales in June, according to data released yesterday, Canadian retailers remain worried about the back to school season, the Retail Council of Canada said.

Economists said the better-than-expected one per cent monthly increase in June to \$34.4 billion in retail sales proves the recession is over.

But Canadian retailers say they still can't predict the weather. For clothing retailers, in particular, it could be another tough season as summer finally arrives — two months late.

"More than half of sales during back to school are apparel," noted Diane

'Slightly' higher

- The retail industry association is predicting back to school sales will be "slightly" higher than last year. Sales of basic supplies, such as pencils and paper, will remain strong, industry experts predict, but profits on those items may be slim as so many retailers slash the prices on them to attract customers.

Brisebois, president and chief executive officer of the Retail Council of Canada. And while some purchases are necessary, like new shoes and pants, in milder weather parents and students can put off buying things like overcoats until later when they're on special, Brisebois explained. "So weather does play havoc."

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RIM may overhaul BlackBerry browser with Torch purchase

WIRELESS Research In Motion Ltd., makers of the BlackBerry smartphone, confirmed yesterday that it has bought Toronto-based Torch Mobile for an undisclosed sum.

The deal would give RIM access to Torch Mobile's Iris web browser, which runs on the same technology that underpins the mobile browsers found on the iPhone and Palm Inc.'s Pre smartphone.

Observers say the move signals intentions to overhaul the BlackBerry's existing browser, which has been criticized for lagging behind rival smartphones.

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Small businesses unprepared for H1N1 outbreak, BMO study shows

ILLNESS Only one in 10 small-business owners in Canada have prepared for an outbreak of influenza A (H1N1), also known as swine flu, a survey by Bank of Montreal showed, even though the virus may have a huge impact on workplaces with only a few staff.

While concerns have spurred governments to order vaccines and schools to draw up outbreak plans, a Harris/Decima poll found few small businesses had prepared. The most obvious risk to small businesses from a health-related incident is staffing, said Gail Cocker, senior vice-president of commercial banking at BMO.

"If you've only got three, four, five employees and have a health outbreak that affects two of them, suddenly 50 per cent of your workforce can be out," Cocker said.

But there are other risks as well, including a disruption among suppliers and a sudden drop in demand if fearful customers stop shopping or cancel services. **REUTERS**

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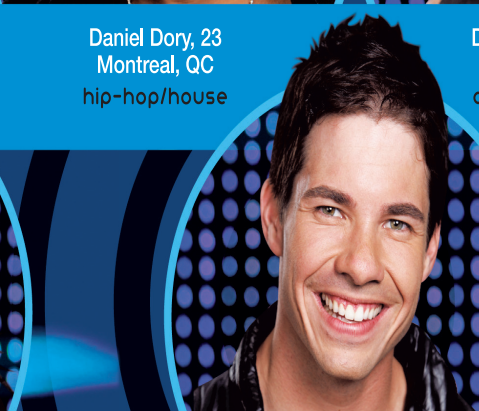
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Get ready to 'flip' out Canada. **SO YOU THINK YOU CAN DANCE CANADA**, the No. 1 new show of 2008* is back, and you won't believe what's about to hit the stage. Season 2 is jam-packed with talent from across Canada looking to follow in the footsteps of Canada's Favourite Dancer, Nico Archambault.

Since winning the title, Archambault was cast as ballet great Rudolph Nureyev, performed in the nation's capital for Canada Day and is currently on a cross-Canada tour, performing the raw, emotional choreography Canadians fell in love with.

Archambault's fellow Top 20 dancers are also making their mark on the international dance stage. From touring Europe and auditioning for the late Michael Jackson, to performing at the Calgary Stampede and starring in multiple feature films.

Not to be outdone, this year's audition tour kicked off in Toronto then criss-crossed the nation, wowing the judges from Vancouver, to Saint John, N.B., and ending off in Montreal and Edmonton.

From 26 consecutive pirouettes and 'bucc' krumping to countless flips across the stage, Season 2's dancers are as powerful and passionate as ever.

The top dancers from each of the five cities traded in their Boarding Passes for flights to Toronto where the best of the best faced off at Finals Week.

After an incredible journey thus far, the judges have finally chosen their Top 20 for **SO YOU THINK YOU CAN DANCE CANADA** season 2! Over the next few weeks, the Top 20 Dancers will compete for your votes.

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Wednesday, September 23	Results
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Your Money

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Back to school made simple

Hand supply shopping over to the kids — with a few key rules

AlisonOnMoney



Most of us parents would be lying if we didn't admit to a tiny thrill of delight when the ringing of the autumn school bell draws near. But getting Jenn and Josh toggled up and laden with all the gear can turn the dog days of August into something akin to holiday shopping on Dec. 24th.

If you'd rather have a root canal than hit the mall with the hordes, turn the job over to the kids. It starts with a list of needs and wants, proceeds to a spending limit and ends, eventually, with "shoo shoo" at the entrance to the mall. Youngsters, obviously, will need supervision at all stages. But by working with a five-year-old now you are setting the stage for stress free back to schooling as they approach the pre-teen years.

My husband used to take our daughter clothes shopping by grabbing a coffee and a seat outside a mall store after turning her, list in hand, to a salesperson. Happiness all round.

Taking a page out of his parental survival playbook, divide the list into clothes, school supplies and "Please, Mom/Dad!" The younger ones usually love this process especially if you send them on a treasure hunt through the house to uncover what items from last season can be re-used, from protractor sets to shoes. If your kids



Three steps to eliminating back to school shopping stress — make a list, set a limit and let'em at it.

really get into it they can trade among their friends. The bribe here is this; the more you recycle, re-use and make-do the more you will have to spend on that awesome (fill in the blank).

Next, set a spending limit and dole out the cash. Try not to make decisions for them. As years go by you will shift from in-store accompaniment, to lounging by the door, to dropping them off, to letting them drive, cycle or bus to the mall themselves.

Mistakes will be made but you will be doing your kids and yourself a big favour by handing over the back-to-school shopping chores.

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Investing



Allan Small discusses what investors should do if or when the market pulls back in the short term. Visit metronews.ca/investing to read this week's column.

Metro readers weigh in on weathering the recession

MoneyMatters



Readers were asked "How are you managing in this economic environment?"

Don't listen to the media, and the government. They say we must spend our way out of this recession. I totally disagree! I am doing the opposite. I am saving as much as possible, let the next guy spend his money. — Gary, Pickering, Ont.

This past year, more than 30 per cent was lost from my investment portfolio. I am approaching retirement and it was my nest egg. I would have to work at least five more years to recoup these losses. — Jo, Mississauga, Ont.

Where is the recession? I go to the restaurants, they are busy. I take in a movie, very few seats left. I visit the malls, lots of shoppers with bags in hand. I drive downtown, and see many luxury cars. The recession must have missed Toronto. — Mitch, Etobicoke, Ont.

My husband and I have been out of work for more than two months. We met and worked at the same company more than twelve years. Currently, we are collecting employment insurance but hate it. We want to work, unfortunately jobs are scarce in this industry. — Chris and Jan, Oshawa, Ont.

I work for a major credit card company. There are more customers in default compared to the past two years. They must be constantly reminded to make payments or will go into collections. This is the new economy. — Ahmad, Scarborough, Ont.

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Costs of school go beyond tuition

RICHARD WOODBURY
for Metro Canada



Having a budget and sticking to it is crucial for not running into financial trouble at university.

"If the kids want to make it through their year and through their program, I would say that's Number 1," says Frances Cody, the housing and financial aid manager at Mount Saint Vincent University.

Students must also distinguish between needs and wants when putting together a budget, says Dr. Laura Stanbra, the director of financial aid and awards at Concordia University in Montreal.

It's important to think about more than tuition and books, and think about other costs such as transportation, rent, food and clothing.

"They can add up pretty quickly," says Stanbra.

Part of the challenge of managing one's finances in university is it's often the first time they've had to do it. The good news is if students need some guidance, most universities offer free counselling to help students straighten out their finances and perhaps provide some financial aid.

"We're here to help them figure out how to save money and how to access other sources of funding," says Claudia Barrett, the associate director of



Avoid going broke this school year by planning ahead and sticking to a budget, experts say. If you're unsure how to do this, your school's financial aid office can help.

student awards and financial aid at the University of Calgary.

When students do encounter financial difficulties, the key is to be open about it, says Dr. Eric Kirzner, a professor in the Rotman School of Management at the University of Toronto. He says all kinds of people face financial struggles, so there isn't any reason to feel ashamed about facing financial difficulties.

"This is not the time to be shy," he says. "This is

"This is not the time to be shy. This is not the time to let a small problem escalate into a big problem."

Dr. Eric Kirzner

not the time to let a small problem escalate into a big problem."

Kirzner recommends budgeting on a monthly basis. A weekly budget is too tight and two months is too long. He recommends stretching being frugal early on, so it leaves a little cushion to splurge a little later on. This breath-

ing room can be crucial if unexpected expenses pop up down the road.

"Most students live rather modestly," says Stanbra. "When you have a budget and there's very little wiggle room, one unexpected expense can really mean the difference between making and breaking that monthly budget."

Barrett says some other tips for saving money are to take a close look at banking expenses and know what your plan includes and excludes.

When making purchases, pay by cash whenever possible.

If you have to use a credit card, be sure to pay the monthly balance off in full and on time. This way, you won't have to pay any interest charges and you'll help generate a positive credit rating. Pay attention to the interest rate as well.

Cody advises students who are staying off-campus to look for eight-month leases, rather than one-year ones.

"A lot of students get stuck trying to find subletters for the summer months," she cautions.

Cody also recommends using the web to find scholarships on sites such as studentawards.com.

She also recommends checking with local community and civic groups about potential scholarships.



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It's Called Football

Vancouver Whitecaps president Bob Lenarduzzi appeared on the It's Called Football show to discuss stadium plans, their move to MLS and the future of their revered academy system. Watch the show at metronews.ca/blogs

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Sports



Volleyball victory

Nova Scotia's women's volleyball team edged Saskatchewan 3-2 yesterday in Charlottetown, P.E.I., as Week 2 of the Canada Summer Games got underway. Halifax's Katherine Ryan, left, led the way, piling up 12 kills and 15 digs.

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Locking down a title

Closer helps Fort Saskatchewan win championship

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James Fischer saved the day for the Fort Saskatchewan Athletics last night and led them to a national title.

The Athletics' closer came on in the fourth inning of the gold-medal game at the Canadian senior baseball championship at Beazley Field and shut the door on a surging Team Quebec, earning his team an 8-4 victory.

The Alberta-based club appeared to be coming unhinged after Quebec scored four straight runs in the fourth to grab a 4-3 lead, but Fischer calmed things down, surrendering just one hit and striking out four the rest of the way.

"That's been my role all year," Fischer said. "I got the boys going and the offence took over from there."

The Athletics tied the game 4-4 in the fourth. Fischer then delivered three quick outs — including a pair of strikeouts — and his team, fired up and vocal in the dugout, clinched the win with four more runs in the fifth inning.

"We knew James was going to be our guy in any close game at the end of a game," said catcher Ben Herman, who made the



Fort Saskatchewan Athletics shortstop Ben Herman watches his throw as he turns a double play against Jean-Philippe Lapointe and Team Quebec during last night's 2009 Canadian Senior Baseball Championship final at Beazley Field. Fort Saskatchewan won the game 8-4.

game's key offensive play with a two-run double that put the Athletics ahead by an insurmountable 8-4 margin.

"We knew we had him in the pen and he was going to be fresh and we knew he could get the job done. He

did it again."

It was the Athletics' first national title.

"It's going to be great to bring this back to Alberta," Fischer said.

Fort Saskatchewan's Lance Romanchuk was named the tournament's

top offensive player and MVP. He batted .600 with 12 hits, 10 RBI and two home runs.

"Lance has hit all year ... He's hit every time I've ever played with him and he rose to the occasion," Fischer said.

Herd take care of some business

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The Halifax Mooseheads completed some paperwork yesterday to strengthen their lineup for the coming season.

The Mooseheads sent a seventh-round draft choice to the Saint John Sea Dogs to secure the services of 19-year-old centre Matthew Stoddard, a Porters Lake native who was trying out for the team on a conditional basis.

They also received a commitment from 17-year-old defence prospect Stephen Gillard, a gifted puck-mover who had a scholarship at the University of Maine.

Stoddard, a former second-round pick who has just 22 points in 128 career games in the QMJHL, has been "one of (Halifax's) top three forwards since camp started, according to head coach and general manager Cam Russell.

"The biggest thing is, he's not one-dimensional," Russell said. "He's done a lot of things well. Defensively, he understands the game and he's a real good setup guy. If you put him with good hockey players, he can have success."

The Mooseheads took a flyer on Gillard in the 11th round (181st overall) in June's draft. The five-foot-10 184-pounder had four

Rescheduled

• The Halifax Mooseheads will play the Prince Edward Island Rocket tomorrow at 6:30 p.m. at the Forum in QMJHL pre-season play. The game had originally been scheduled for Sunday but was postponed because of hurricane Bill.

goals and 10 assists for 14 points in 21 games with the St. John's Fog Devils midget AAA team last season.

Gillard is known for his smooth skating ability and drew a comparison from Russell to one of the Mooseheads' all-time best on the blue-line, Andrew Bodnarchuk.

"He's a lot like Bodnarchuk," Russell said. "No disrespect to Bodnarchuk, but Gillard has a little more creativity and offensive savvy once he gets over the blue line."

The Mooseheads also cut five players yesterday, shrinking their roster size to 42. Gone are two draft choices, forward Brett Bernard and goalie Stefan Dumaresque, and tryouts Matt Myers, Maxime Nadeau and Jonathan Pelletier.

For more coverage of the Mooseheads, follow @metroqfiles on Twitter or visit: metronews.ca/qfiles

Babcock seeks '200-foot' players

LAURENCE HEINEN
for Metro Canada

On the first day of Canada's National Men's Team orientation camp in Calgary, coach Mike Babcock laid down a challenge for his group of forwards.

Babcock, who will coach Canada's entry into the 2010 Winter Olympic Games in Vancouver, told his players that they will have to be "200-foot players" by being responsible at both ends of the ice.

"You have to play a 200-foot game," Babcock said during a pre-camp press conference yesterday after-

"You have to be good without the puck. The better we are without it, the more time we'll have it."

Head coach Mike Babcock

noon.

"You have to be good without the puck. The better we are without it, the more time we'll have it."

Team Canada executive director Steve Yzerman agreed with Babcock's assessment and noted that the management team will be watching for the best two-way forwards at the camp and during the first three months of the NHL regular season.

"Specifically our forwards, we're looking for guys that are good in both ends of the rink," Yzerman said. "If you're going to make this team, we want you to be good in both ends of the rink. We can't be hesitant to put a player on the ice."

Forward Jarome Iginla, who's right at home in the Saddledome as captain of the Calgary Flames, said it "totally makes sense" that

the coaching staff and executive will be on the lookout for players who can get it done both offensively and defensively.

"Their evaluation isn't really just based on this," Iginla said of the four-day evaluation camp that finishes up with a Red-White scrimmage on Thursday night at the Dome.

"You're not going to make it or not make it in the three or four days, but they're going to watch during the year. What's very important to them when it does come time is being responsible and being able to be good positionally and be part of the structure."

Sports in brief

SAILING The world laser sailing championships, being hosted at the St. Margaret Sailing Club this week, were put on hold for the second day in a row yesterday because of poor sailing conditions. Action is expected to resume today.

TENNIS Halifax's Andrew Oxner, seeded second in men's open singles, cruised to a 6-1, 6-1 victory over Dennis Keaveney yesterday in Nova Scotia Open tennis action at the Waegwoltic club. Action continues today at 8 a.m.

GOLF After defeating him at the PGA Championship last week, Y.E. Yang will meet Tiger Woods again at this year's HSBC Champions in November. Defending champion Sergio Garcia and world No. 2

Phil Mickelson are also confirmed for the event.

BASEBALL The Colorado Rockies have signed former AL MVP Jason Giambi to a minor league contract. The 38-year-old will report to triple-A Colorado Springs, hoping for a September call-up to help the Rockies with their National League pennant push.

NBA Miami Heat forward Michael Beasley has checked into rehab. The Miami Herald reported yesterday that Beasley has spent the last two weeks in a Houston facility.

BASEBALL Ben Zobrist went 3-for-4 with a home run, two RBI and four runs scored as the Tampa Bay Rays downed the Toronto Blue Jays 12-7 in the opener of a three-game set.

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Ceramic Braces

Ceramic braces refer to the brackets affixed to the teeth. Apparently, Tom Cruise wore ceramic.

PROS: Made of translucent material, ceramic brackets are more subtle than glinty metal. Tooth-coloured wire add further camouflage.

CONS: Although the brackets are translucent, the ligatures are usually latex, which can stain. As well, translucent doesn't mean clear; ceramics could make super-white teeth look dingy. The brackets are also larger than metal, and more brittle.

Self-ligating Braces

Similar to standard metal, the difference in these is the brackets. Regular braces need tiny plastic bands (ligatures) that encircle tiny hooks on the face of the brackets to hold the wire against teeth. Self-ligating brackets instead have built-in clips to grip the wire.

PROS: Fewer adjustments, less wearing time. In regular braces, ligatures restrict the slip of the brackets along the archwire, so teeth shift haltingly into position. As well, orthos have to remove and replace ligatures at each adjustment visit. With self-ligating



Whichever teeth-straightening option you choose, remember: Sometimes a smile takes a while (and some discomfort) to perfect.

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Cruz ready to work with Almodovar

Penelope Cruz is "addicted" to working with Pedro Almodovar. The 35-year-old actress — who has starred in several of Almodovar's films — has been collaborating with the director since she was 17 and still can't get enough of him. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

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Entertainment

EDITOR: DEAN.LISK@METRONWS.CA

Father knows best

Robin Williams is the accidental star of a new indie comedy

Yes, you want to have a great screenplay and a talented director, but no project ever gets made until a star's attached.

You simply can't make a movie without somebody to play the lead and having a star is going to help if you're looking for financing or distribution.

Case in point: World's Greatest Dad, which opened Friday in New York to a modest \$10,300. Written and directed by Bobcat Goldthwait, it's a thoughtful but outrageous comedy starring Robin Williams as a troubled high school poetry teacher and single parent.

After the accidental death of his insufferably nasty teenage son (Daryl Sabara from Spy Kids) he suddenly

finds himself with the fame and fortune he's always craved. Only question: Can he live with knowing how it came about?

Although the role fits Williams like a glove, it wasn't written with him in mind. In fact, Goldthwait told me, he didn't even plan on asking him to read it.

"Robin and I are old friends and he really liked Sleeping Dogs Lie," he explained, referring to his 2006 drama. "I really wasn't trying to hit him up to be in the movie."

So what happened? "I was at dinner with him and another friend and I was telling him the new story and he was like, 'Well, can I read it?'"

Goldthwait added, "I real-

ly wouldn't have written the movie for Robin as a poetry teacher if I had him in mind because I think he covered that pretty well already in Dead Poets Society. So I was really shocked when he wanted to be in it."

On the other hand, poetry be damned — this was such a good fit for these two friends. "I think the character is a little bit based on life lessons that Robin and I had to learn as adult men."

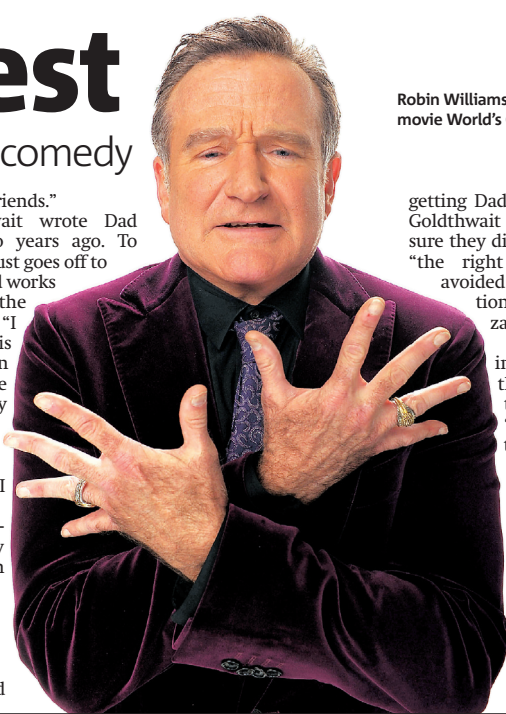
Williams (to Goldthwait about a week into production): "Oh, I get it. I'm playing you and me."

The payoff: "He said it's the most comfortable he's ever felt on a set, which I believe is true because he

and I are friends."

Goldthwait wrote Dad about two years ago. To write, he just goes off to a hotel and works around the clock. "I wrote this one in about five days. My detractors would probably say I should spend another day or two on it!"

Attaching Williams definitely accelerated



Robin Williams stars in the new movie World's Greatest Dad.

getting Dad made. He and Goldthwait wanted to be sure they did the film with "the right people" and avoided the "temptation to make it a zany comedy."

What they had in mind from the start was that the film "wasn't going to try to exploit Robin's name" and wouldn't be marketed as "a comedy with a very silly trailer. We wanted to make sure people kind of got the humour of it."

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critics' corner

The Mentalist

All you need is a little mood lighting, soft music and a heaping glass of Courvoisier, right? With Patrick Jane's (Simon Baker) help, Cho (Tim Kang) goes under cover as a sweet-talking ladies man with all the right moves in order to catch a killer who has his own set of pseudomentalist techniques. 11 PM on CBS



Everybody's Children

Imagine leaving your home and your family for a new land an ocean away. Now imagine doing that alone ... at 16 or 17. This documentary profiles two African teens who came to Canada to escape violence and oppression at home. Sallieu, 16, left Sierra Leone after his mother was murdered. Joyce, 17, fled the Democratic Republic of Congo to avoid a life of prostitution. The film follows their efforts to adjust to their new lives and become typical Canadian teens. 11 PM on NW

At the Concert Hall

Patrick Watson — the man, the band. In this new episode, the Montreal-based singer-songwriter and the band that bears his name take the stage to perform songs from the group's latest album, "Wooden Arms." Released in April, the album, is a nominee for the Polaris Music Prize, which the band won in 2007 for "Close to Paradise." 11 PM on BRAVO

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Gwyneth Paltrow and Chris Martin know how to deal with neighbours: Buy them out. The couple is hard at work combining their London townhouse with the adjoining property to create a massive, 33-room home, according to the Daily Mail. **METRO WORLD NEWS**

Celebrity Buzz

Eddie and LeAnn make public debut

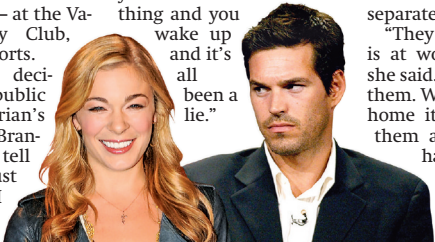
OUT IN THE OPEN It's official: LeAnn Rimes and Eddie Cibrian are no longer hiding their relationship.

On Saturday night, the couple went to the Kings of Leon concert in Los Angeles, just two days after they hit the links — and openly flirted — at the Valencia Country Club, people.com reports.

The couple's decision to go public prompted Cibrian's estranged wife Brandi Glanville to tell People: "He's just somebody I don't know." In

March, she had stood by her husband of eight years after allegations surfaced that Cibrian, 36, and Rimes, 26, were having affair.

"I don't understand," she says now. "You think you know one thing and you wake up and it's all been a lie."



Glanville, who is separated from the CSI: Miami star, says she is unable to completely explain to the couple's sons Mason, 6, and Jake, 2, what is going on between mom and dad. (Rimes and her husband, Dean Sheremet, are also separated.)

"They know that daddy is at work all the time," she said. "That's what I tell them. When he does come home it is surprising for them and they are very happy."

Glanville, on the other hand, has a different re-

action: "I'm just like, 'You know what? You're not the man I married.'"

She adds that she has spoken with Rimes twice recently, and told her, "He's all yours."

Glanville says she has no plans to reconcile with Cibrian, and hopes to file divorce papers soon. "There is one side of him that I absolutely love and always will," she noted, "but that side of him is not the side I'm divorcing."

Neither Cibrian's nor Rimes' rep was available for comment.

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Heidi shows off her pipes

DOUBLE THREAT? Heidi Montag performed for the first time on Sunday's Miss Universe pageant. She sang Body Language while dancing around in a sequin bra and matching pants — but half the song was blocked while NBC introduced the 15 finalists.

"I think people don't know what to expect, and how can they? It's my first performance live and it's in front of a billion eyes. So I'm very excited to show everyone what

I'm coming with," Montag said before performing.

TMZ.com reported that Montag would lip-synch because producers were nervous about her performance and feared she couldn't remember her lyrics. Montag, though, said she was unaware of the criticism and eager to perform.

"I'm very excited for everybody to see this," she said. "I think a lot of people are expecting something very different."



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Jackson kids heading to school?

GROWING UP The home-schooling days may be over for Michael Jackson's kids, TMZ.com reports.

The gossip website says is has learned Jackson's mother, Katherine, is "seriously considering" sending the children to an elite Los Angeles private school.

Family sources

say she has been in talks with school reps to send Michael Jr., Paris, and Prince to the Buckley School — the same

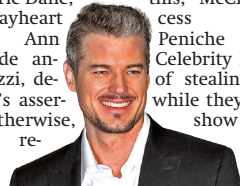
place Tito Jackson's three kids and several members of the Jackson clan attended.

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Claws come out over threesome sex tape

BLAME GAME Country singer Mindy McCready says she did not release the video of Eric Dane, Rebecca Gayheart and Kari Ann Peniche's nude antics in a Jacuzzi, despite Peniche's assertions otherwise, popeater.com reports.



"I did not want to be dragged into all this. I did not want to be a part of this," McCready told Access Hollywood.

Peniche accused her Celebrity Rehab co-star of stealing the movie while they were on the show together.

McCready had this to

say about Peniche's allegations: "She is evil personified, she is evil in human form. She will hurt anyone she can to make money."

Peniche has also denied releasing the footage. "If I was going to leak it, I would have done that a long time ago," she explained.

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Contestant finally impresses Simon

RARITY Simon Cowell is usually difficult to impress, but one contestant on U.K.'s The X Factor blew him away, popeater.com reports.

Cowell gave a standing ovation to Danyl Johnson's rendition of The Beatles' With a Little Help From My Friends.

"That was single-handedly the best first audition I have ever heard," he said. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**



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Basterds best war flick ever: Brad

BRAGGART Brad Pitt thinks his new movie, Quentin Tarantino's Inglourious Basterds, is the last word in Second World War movies. "With Basterds, everything



than can be said to this genre has been said," Pitt told German magazine Stern. "The film destroys every symbol. The work is done, end of story."

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Ex Blake is still in my future: Amy

DESPERATE Amy Winehouse still wants to reunite with estranged husband Blake Fielder-Civil, according to the Daily Mirror.

Sources say the singer held up an ace of spades card at a private magic show and saying, "This one is for me and Blake. It's our lucky card. He's my man. We can make it. We're so strong together."

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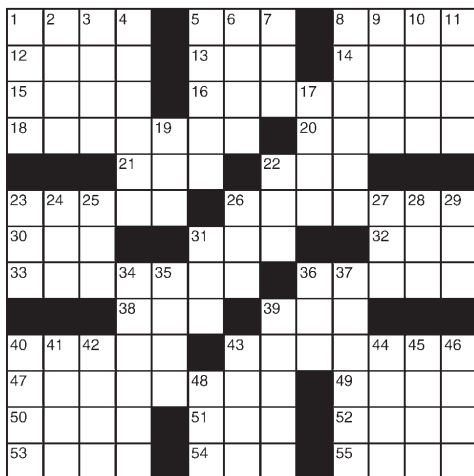
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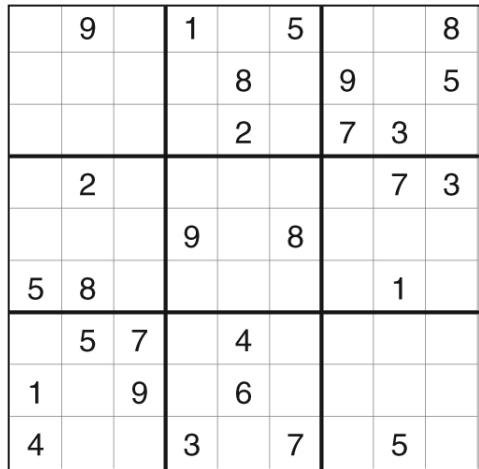
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Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone — one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.



PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

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Metro Recipe of the Day



Lemon Turkey with Couscous Stuffing

INGREDIENTS:

1 bone-in turkey breast (4 to 4 1/2 lbs/1.8 to 2 kg)
2 tsp (10 ml) olive oil
1 tsp (5 ml) lemon juice
1 garlic clove, minced
1/2 tsp (2 ml) grated lemon peel
1/4 tsp (1 ml) salt
1/8 tsp (0.5 ml) pepper
STUFFING:
1 1/2 cups (375 ml) boiling water
1 cup (250 ml) uncooked couscous
1 medium carrot, shredded
1/2 cup (125 ml) raisins
1/3 cup chicken broth
1/4 cup (50 ml) slivered almonds, toasted
2 tbsp (25 ml) minced fresh parsley

METHOD:

1. Carefully loosen turkey skin, leaving attached at back. Combine oil, lemon juice, garlic, lemon peel, salt and pepper; spread under turkey skin. Place

turkey to one side in shallow roasting pan coated with nonstick cooking spray.

2. For stuffing, in bowl, pour boiling water over couscous. Cover and let stand 5 minutes or until water is absorbed. Add remaining ingredients; toss to combine. Spoon stuffing into other side of pan, shaping into 8-in. x 5-in. x 2-in. (20-cm x 13-cm x 5-cm) mound. Cover pan; bake at 325 F (160 C) 45 minutes.

3. Uncover turkey; leave stuffing covered. Bake 40-50 minutes longer or until meat thermometer reads 170 F (77 C). Cover turkey with foil and let stand 15 minutes before slicing. Serve with stuffing.

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ARIES

MARCH 21-APRIL 20



Not everyone is as robust as you, so don't be surprised if someone reacts harshly to what you tell them.

LIBRA

SEPT 23-OCT 23



Today's cosmic setup means that you know what you want — and one way or another, you will get it.

TAURUS

APRIL 21-MAY 21



You may be tempted to stick with what you know, but an adventurous approach will work wonders.

SCORPIO

OCT 24-NOV 22



The entry of Mars into the most adventurous area of your chart makes a great time of year for getting things done.

GEMINI

MAY 22-JUNE 21



Something is going out of your life and you have regrets. But don't dwell on them. New opportunities are coming to you.

SAGITTARIUS

NOV 23-DEC 21



Cosmic activity in one of the more secretive areas of your chart urges you to be careful about what you reveal.

CANCER

JUNE 22-JULY 22



You'll look back on today as a turning point in your life. You'll have the energy to reach out for those lofty objectives.

CAPRICORN

DEC 22-JAN 20



Get serious about a relationship or end it. The other person wants more than a friendship, but what do you want?

LEO

JULY 23-AUG 23



It doesn't matter how open and straightforward you may be, the information you have is too dangerous to tell others about.

AQUARIUS

JAN 21-FEB 18



Are you using your energy wisely? If certain tasks are tiring you more than you expected you are doing too much.

VIRGO

AUG 24-SEPT 22



It's not like you to be impatient but you've had your fill of playing games just to please others. Friends can be changed.

PISCES

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